

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Mark H. SHIPTON et al.

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For: NICKEL ALLOY COMPOSITION

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: H. Wilkins III

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**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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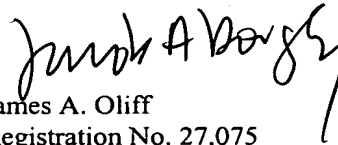
Sir:

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